

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-749V

Filed: March 4, 2016

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GARY BONDI, *

Petitioner, *

v. *

Joint Stipulation on Damages; Influenza
Vaccination; Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH *

AND HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

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John R. Howie, Jr., Howie Law, P.C., Dallas, TX, for petitioner.

Gordon E. Shemin, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

DECISION ON JOINT STIPULATION¹

Roth, Special Master:

Gary Bondi [“petitioner”] filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program² on July 17, 2015. Petitioner alleges that he developed Guillain-Barré Syndrome [“GBS”] as a result of an influenza [“flu”] on September 26, 2013. *See* Stipulation, filed March 4, 2016, at ¶¶ 1-4. Respondent denies that the flu immunizations caused petitioner’s injury and/or any other injury or his current condition. Stipulation at ¶ 6.

Nevertheless, the parties have agreed to settle the case. On March 4, 2016, the parties filed a joint stipulation, attached hereto as Appendix A, agreeing to settle this case and describing the settlement terms.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I intend to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), a party has 14 days to identify and move to delete medical or other information, that satisfies the criteria in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4)(B). Further, consistent with the rule requirement, a motion for redaction must include a proposed redacted decision. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within the requirements of that provision, I will delete such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

Respondent agrees to issue the following payments:

- (1) A lump sum of \$265,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under § 300aa-15(a).

Stipulation at ¶ 8.

I adopt the parties' stipulation attached hereto, and award compensation in the amount and on the terms set forth therein. The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Mindy Michaels Roth
Mindy Michaels Roth
Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.